

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for March 2016

March 7, 2016

- Introductions
 - Andy Haworth (KK4DSD)-President
 - Introduction of new (under 1 year) HAMS
 - Introduction of Board members and Officers

- Past Month's Meeting Minutes: Andy announced that last month's meeting minutes can be found on the club's website (www.w4cae.com).

- Treasurer's Report: Jim Donelan (W4KNI) announced that the current amount in the account is \$1540.82. The liability insurance and post office box were both paid up.

- CARC Net Report: Net Manager, Gary Anderson (K4HGA) announced that in February 2016 there were 8 nets held with a total of 201 check-ins.

- Tammy (N4TAL) announced that the only event in March was a training ride for the Tour de Cure and that they may not need CARC assistance for this.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Charleston Hamfest: It was reported that the Charleston Hamfest overall was merely so-so.

 - The fundraising for the May 21st Tour de Cure has begun in earnest. Baked goods were provided for sale at the meeting. It was also announced that the route may vary slightly from previous years for safety concerns.

 - February Events Recap: 1)The SC QSO party was a tremendous success with CARC operating out of the DFARG shack and amassing over 400 QSO's over the course of about 8 hours of operation. 2) The JDRF walk went off without a hitch with CARC providing communications support for the event. 3) The club sponsored a LoTW workshop conducted by Tom (W1TEF) which was a tremendous success and well attended. 4) Finally, there was a humongous turnout for the VE session in February

owing in part to the SCHEART classes conducted prior to testing. We have lots of new HAMS! _

- New Business:
 - Online dues payment enabled: The club now has the capability of taking club dues payments electronically now the PayPal has been enabled.
 - March Events:
 - Charlotte Hamfest will be held March 11 and 12,
 - VE Session in Camden Saturday, March 12th.
 - Rogers Workshop will be held at Sandy Run EOC on Saturday March 19th. A 4:1 Balun and choice of loop/ wire antenna will be constructed.
 - Statewide Emergency Communications Full Scale exercise will be held on March 14 and 15.
- Tonight's Topics
 - SDR radio introduction by Gordie (N9FF)

Closing Remarks:

Dave (W4DMC) announced that if anyone needs an ID badge, email him Name, Callsign, Class, and Photo. He also thanked Cliff (KF4UOR) for his services as the ARES Emergency coordinator the past two years and he welcomed Mike (N4BQQ) into the position for the next two years.

At the conclusion of these remarks, the meeting was adjourned.

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